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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1892.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APR. 1st, 1891.

Description.	No.	Value.	
Real Estate,		$290,002.00	
Polls,	235,	23,500.00	
Horses,	228,	16,084.00	
Oxen,	114,	5,382.00	
Cows,	559,	12,225.00	
Other Neat Stock,	445,	6,655.00	
Sheep,	885,	3,006.00	
Hogs,	13,	49.00	
Carriages,	22,	1,260.00	
Stock in Public Funds,		10,050.00	
Stock in Banks,		7,874.00	
Cash on hand and at interest,		45,421.00	
Stock in Trade,		18,624.00	
Mills and Machinery,		4,750.00	
Stock in Railroads in this State,		3,000.00	
Total,			$447,882.00

TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE TOWN.

State Tax,	$1,270.00	
County Tax,	1,173.01	
Town Tax,	1,300.00	
School Tax,	1,121.43	
Highway Tax,	521.73	
Dog Tax,	80.00	
Total,		$5,466.17

CASH RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN MARCH 1st, 1891.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	$1,979.63	
Received of Harry Gregg, pool table,	10.00	
State railroad tax,	350.72	
Savings bank tax,	1,837.64	
Literary fund,	170.00	
Diseased cattle,	78.00	
Cash, support of county paupers,	146.49	
Taxes committed to Alberton Peaslee,	5,200.26	
Geo. A. Hemphill, balance on town-hall 1890	8.87	
J. C. Bailey, three lots in cemetery,	30.00	
" " use of hearse out of town,	4.00	
F. H. Patch, use of road machine,	5.00	
Alberton Peaslee, interest on taxes,	4.42	
Geo. A. Hemphill, use of town-hall,	9.10	
Cash of W. B. Cilley, dog license,	21.87	
Total,		$9,856.00
Orders paid by town treasurer out of dog license,		116.63
		$9,972.63

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

George S. Morgan, auditor,	$ 2.00
Charles F. Davis, "	2.00
A. P. Howe & Son, printing town reports,	28.00
J. K. Lund, insurance on town-hall,	11.00
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	1,270.00
J. B. Sanborn, warrant and surveyors book,	3.90
D. G. Peaslee, expense to Concord & cash paid out,	6.80
S. H. Baker, damage to carriage,	11.20
Geo. M. Sawyer, labor on grave yard,	6.84
D. G. Peaslee, expense to Warner & cash paid out,	2.00
Dr. J. M. Rix, report of death,	.25
W. B. Cilley, county tax,	1,173.01
J. C. Bailey, support of watering trough,	3.00
R. W. Cummings, land for cemetery,	225.00
Rand & Cheney, damage to carriage,	3.50
W. F. Wallace, reporting births & deaths,	5.50
A. P. Howe & Son, appointments & warrants,	3.65

D. G. Peaslee, stationery & stamps,	$3.25	
A. P. Howe, services school board Union Dist.,	10.10	
Dr. G. N. Gage, reporting births & deaths,	.50	
George A. Smyth, board of selectmen,	16.00	
A. Peaslee, stationery & stamps,	8.00	
F. O. Melvin, services & cash paid out school board,	65.00	
Total,		$2,860.50

FOUR PER-CENT TOWN BONDS REDEEMED.

John S. Kittredge,	No.	7,	$500.00
" "	"	10,	500.00
George W. Tucker,	"	56,	100.00
" "	"	102,	109.00
" "	"	85'	100.00
" "	"	79,	100.00
" "	"	33,	100.00
" "	"	58,	100.00
" "	"	83,	100.00
" "	"	45,	100.00
" "	"	75,	100.00
" "	"	57,	100.00
Mrs. John W. Morse,	"	25,	100.00
" "	"	64,	100.00
" "	"	63,	100.00
Cummings Pierce,	"	70,	100.00
" "	"	71,	100.00
Mrs. O. E. Ring,	"	19,	100.00
" "	"	17,	100.00
Mirs Augusta Eaton,	"	110,	100.00
Mrs. Parker Whitcomb,	"	78,	100.00
Interest on above bonds,			87.16
Total,			$2,987.16

BREAKING ROADS IN 1890 & 91.

No. of Dist.		
3,	Ethan Piper,	$ 2.10
4,	Byron Cressey,	1.28

5,	S. D. Davis,	$12.90	
6,	Hugh M. Craige,	30.39	
7,	Leonard Jameson,	3.60	
8,	D. Moody Morse,	3.02	
9,	Delman C. Hoyt,	8.21	
10,	Howard V. Ward,	12.33	
11,	Joseph H. Trow,	3.25	
12,	Frank H. Patch,	6.50	
13,	Freeman Sargent,	8.35	
17	Jerry West,	5.47	
19	Prescott Colby,	5.25	
20	George S. Morgan,	.99	
21	Daniel F. West,	4.50	
24,	Fred O. Howlett,	7.94	
25,	James M. Hoyt.	6.90	
26,	John O. Nichols,	20.31	
29,	Charles H. Morse,	4.16	
30,	Wm. G. Hoyt,	6.80	
	Total,		$154,25

REPAIRING ROADS & BRIDGES.

No. of Dist.		
1,	George M. Sawyer,	$ 4.05
2,	J. D. Nichols,	12.50
3,	A. J. Jameson,	16.65
4,	Byron A. C,essey,	15.57
6,	Ira F. Wiggin,	19.21
10,	Uriah Colby,	25.61
11,	Page Cofrin,	2.50
12,	Fred Peaslee,	1.75
13,	Expense & cash paid out,	16.30
14,	F. O. Melvin,	6.13
16,	Addison S. Cressey,	24.75
19,	Prescott Colby,	15.35
26,	Edwin Nichols,	14.15
27,	George H. Cheney,	15.02
29,	Charles H. Morse,	9.04
30,	William G. Hoyt,	8.74

D. G. Peaslee, bridge plank,	38.64	
Rand & Cheney,	14.40	
Expense of running road machine,	118.36	
Expense on Piper culvert,	33.20	
Expense on Cheney bridge,	16.50	
Total,		$428.42

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Geoge H. Steele, Union District,	$660.42	
Pain John A. Peaslee, Town District,	669.53	
Total,		$1,329.95

EXPENSES OF DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Peter C. Gregg,		$14.65

EXPENSES OF TOWN POOR.

B. B. Barnes, & family,	$199.10	
Mrs. George A. Sawtell,	14.35	
Total,		$213.45

EXPENSES OF COUNTY POOR.

James T. Taylor and family,	$73.99	
Mrs. Hannah Cass,	58.50	
Trancient Paupers	14.00	
Total,		$146.49

EXPENSES OF FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

Special District,	$39.94	
Town District,	100.50	
Total,		$140.44

EXPENSES ON DISEASED CATTLE.

From State as per bill,		$78.00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Daniel G. Peaslee, as selectman,	$74.00	
Everett Kittredge, "	50.00	
Frank Withington, "	52.00	
George A. Sawtell, Town-Clerk,	11.87	
David H. Day, "	18.22	
Winfred B. Cilley, Town Treasurer,	40.00	
Alberton Peaslee, Collector,	50.00	
Addison S. Cressey, Supervisor,	8.00	
Silas Sawtell, "	8.00	
Charles F. Davis, "	8.00	
John A. Peaslee, Moderator,	3.50	
Total,		$323.59

ABATEMENTS & DISCOUNTS.

On Alberton Peaslee's book 1891,	$73.31

TOWN-HALL ACCOUNT.

March 25,	Received	for Sociable,	$.25
" 26,	"	for Dance,	.70
April 13,	"	for Entertainment,	2.00
" 17,	"	of Sons of Veterans,	2.50
May 1,	"	for Dance,	.70
" 10,	"	for Sociable,	.25
July 3,	"	for Reunion,	.25
" 11,	"	of People's Theater,	6.00
" 22,	"	for Meeting,	.25
" 28,	"	for Dance,	.70
Aug. 14,	"	for Sociable,	.50
" 21,	"	for two Rehearsals,	.50
" 25,	"	for Entertainment,	1.00
Sept. 30,	"	for Dance and Supper,	2.05
Dec. 25,	"	for Christmas Tree,	.25
Feb. 18,	"	for Dance,	2.25
" 19,	"	of Sons of Veterans,	1.25
" 23,	"	for free Lecture,	·25
		Total,	$21.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

March 10,	Paid for wood & sawing,	$2.25	
April 9,	" for kindling wood,	1.00	
" 29,	" for 10 gallons K. oil & chimneys,	1.48	
Aug. 26,	" for 5 " " "	.80	
1892			
Jan. 23,	" for one cord of wood,	4.50	
" 24,	" for glass & setting,	.75	
" 26,	" for sawing wood,	1.11	
Feb. 18,	" for 5 gallons oil & chimneys,	.66	
	Total,		$12.55
	Balance in favor of the town,		9.10
			$21.65

GEORGE A. HEMPHILL, Janitor.

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous orders,	$2,860.50
Bonds redeemed with interest added,	2,987.16
Repairing roads & bridges,	428.42
Breaking roads,	154.25
Expenses of schools,	1,329.95
Support of dependent soldiers,	14.65
Support of town poor,	213.45
Support of county poor,	146.49
Expenses of free text-books,	140.44
Expenses of diseased cattle paid by the state,	78.00
Town Officers' bills,	323.59
Cupons,	196.00
Abatements & discounts,	73.31
Highway receipts,	10.08
Orders paid by treasurer out of dog license,	116.63
Taxes uncollected on Alberton Peaslee's book,	60.00
Cash in hands of treasurer,	839.71
Total,	$9,972.63

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	$839,71	
Taxes uncollected on Alberton Peaslee's book,	60.00	
Blake B. Barnes farm,	150.00	
Total,		$1,049.71
Balance in favor of the town,		1,049.71

RESPECTFULRY SUBMITTED,

DANIEL G. PEASLEE,
EVERETT KITTREDGE,
FRANK WITHINGTON,
} SELECTMEN OF BRADFORD,

Your auditors have examined the books of the selectmen, have found them correctly and neatly kept, and the vouchers, figures and footings correct.

ADDISON S. CRESSY,
CHARLES F. DAVIS,
} AUDITORS.

February 29, 1892.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 1st, 1891,	$1,979.63	
Use of road machine out of town,	5 00	
Quarantine diseased cattle,	61.20	
License of pool table,	10.00	
Railroad tax,	350.72	
Savings bank tax,	1,837.64	
Literary fund,	170.00	
Support of county paupers,	146.49	
Balance due for use of town-hall in 1890,	8.87	
Use of town-hall in 1891,	9.10	
Three lots in cemetery,	30.00	
Use of hearse out of town,	4.00	
Diseased cattle killed,	1680	
License on dogs,	147.00	
Alberton Peaslee, collector,	5,144.68	
Total,		$9,921.13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Selectmen's orders,	$3,331.12	
Damage to sheep by dogs,	124.13	
State tax,	1,270.00	
County tax,	1,173.01	
Bonds redeemed,	2,900.00	
Interest on bonds redeemed,	87.16	
Cupons,	196.00	
Cash on hand,	839.71	
Total,		$9,921.13

W. B. CILLEY, Treasurer.

Your auditors have examined the books of the treasurer and the vouchers belonging thereto; they find the books well kept and the vouchers and footings correct.

ADDISON S. CRESSY,
CHARLES F. DAVIS, } Auditors.

Bradford, N. H., February 29, 1892.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen: In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers, for publication in the annual reports, I hereby submit the following:—

Births registered in the town of Brafford, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1891.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition				Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	No of child 1st 2nd &c	Color							
April 8	Bradford	Rosamond L Barton	F	L	1st	W	Loyal Barton	Caroline A Mason	W	New London N H	Teacher	Grantham	Hanover N H
April 13	"		M	S	6th	W	Geo A Sawtell	Mary J Cressey	W	Bradford N H	Shoemaker	Warner	Marblehead Mass
June 5	"	Leon H Carr	M	L	4th	W	Wm M Carr	Mary L Hartshorn	W	"	Trader	Bradford	Charlestown Mass
June 5	"	Lena Flora Carr	F	L	3d	W	Wm M Carr	Mary L Hartshorn	W	"	Trader	Bradford	"
June 5	"		M	L	1st	W	Thos G Cummings	May I Smith	W	Guildhall Vt	Laborer	Guildhall Vt	Bradford N H
July 1	"	Alace Duglas	F	L	4th	W	Thomas Douglass	Lydia Archmbault	W	Bradford N H	Farmer	Canada	Canada
Oct 4	"	Ruth Cilley	F	L	5th	W	George A Cilley	Hattie A Cheney	W	"	Farmer	Bradford	Sutton N H

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief:

DAVID H. DAY, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen: In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers, for publication in the annual reports, I hereby submit the following:—

Deaths registered in the town of Bradford, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1891.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age: Years	Age: Months	Age: Days	Place of Birth	Male or Female	Color	Single Widowed Married	Occupation	Birthplace of Parents	Name of Parents	Disease or Cause of Death	Occupation of Father	Name and P. O. Address of Physician (or other person) reporting death.
Mar 27	Bradford	Mary W Jones	76	4	20	Warner N H	F	W	W	Housekeeper	Salsbury Warner	Nicodemus Watson Prudence Morrill	La Grippe and Complication	Mechanic	W. F Wallace Bradford
Mar 29	,,	Oliver Sawyer	90		26	New Boston NH	M	W	W	Farmer	Reading Mass " "	Wiliam Sawyer Elizabeth Upton	Old Age		P B Richards Bradford
Apr 10	,,	Alzada E Hoyt	50			Bradford N H	F	W	W	Housekeeper	Bradford	Joshua Eaton	Consumption	Farmer	W F Wallace Bradford
Apr 14	,,	Marietta Davis	82	3	18	Warner N H	F	W	W	"	Warner	James Ferrin Abigail Ferrin	La Grippe	"	W F Wallace Bradford
May 14	,,	Lydia Barnes	86	9	4	Henniker N H	F	W	M	"	Henniker Dunbarton	George Hoyt Mary Hoyt	Old Age	"	

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	AGE Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Male or Female	Color	Single Widowed Married	Occupation	Birthplace of Parents	Name of Parents	Disease or Cause of Death	Occupation of Father	Name and P. O. Address of Physician (or other person) reporting death.
May 16	Bradford	Guy W Peaslee		11	24	Bradford N H	M	W	S		Bradford Germany	George Peaslee Austena W Wagner	Whooping Cough	R R Brakeman	W F Wallace Bradford
June 2	,,	Sumner K Hall	43	9	24	"	M	W	M	Farmer	Warner Bradford	Amasiah Hall Lucy Melvin	Neaurlgia of Heart	Farmer	W F Wallace Bradford
June 5	"				*	"	M	W	S		Guildhall Vt Hillsborough	Thos G Cummings Mary I Smith	Heart Failure	Laborer	W F Wallace Bradford
Apr 13	"					"	M	W	S		Warner Marblehead Mass	Geo A Sawtell Mary J Cressy	Still born	Shoemaker	W F Wallace Bradford
June 8	"	Malinda M Palmer	70	4	4	Warner N H	F	W	W			Samuel Morrill	Consumption	Farmer	S N Welch Sutton N H
June 14	"	Peter C Gregg	76	8	25	Deering N H	M	W	M	Farmer		Hugh Gregg Margarett Dodge	Heart Disease	"	W F Wallace Bradford
June 20	"	Harris Joseph Bates	42	8	5	Pleasant Valley N Y	M	W	M	Accountant	Jeffery N H Pleasant Valley N Y	George Bates Ellen Humphrey	Suicide during Acute Dementia	"	H E Bates
July 5	"	Hattie A Melvin	23	5	8	Bradford N H	F	W	M	Housekeeper	Bradford "	Nathan A Knight Addie Sawyer	Consumtion	"	John Goodell
July 7	"	Mary Kittredge	76	1	6	"	F	W	M	"		Nathan R Marshall Abigail Hawks	Paralysis	"	W F Wallace Bradford
July 8	"	Harry P D Perkins	2	1	15	"	M	W	S		Newbury N H Bradford	Chas D S Perkins Eliza J Ward	Typhoid Pneumonia	Section on R R	W F Wallace Bradford
Aug 11	"	Mehitibel P Morrill	82	11	24	Newport N H	F	W	W	Housekeeper		Joseph Pearsons Badger	Paralysis		W F Wallace Bradford
Sept 11	"	Geo A Sawtell	38	8	11	Warner	M	W	M	Farmer	Milford Mass Warner N H	Silas Sawtell Susan F Barnard	Cebro S Meningitis	Harness Maker	W F Wallace Bradford
Nov 10	"	Ruth Cilley		1	9	Bradford N H	F	W			Bradford N H Sutton N H	Geo A Cilley Hattie A Cheney	Inanition	Farmer	W F Wallace Bradford
Dec 22	Manches'r	Fred R Felch	31	5	7	"	M	W	M	Lawyer	Bradford N H Canada	Horace C Felch Helen White	Typhoid Pneumonia	"	W F Wallace Bradford
Dec 26	Bradford	Stephen Morse	91	8	7	Newbury N H	M	W	W	Farmer	Newbury Mass Mane	Timothy Morse Sally Farmer	Pneumonia	Clergyman	J M Rix Warner N H
Dec 26	"	James P Cressy	63	2	20	Bradford N H	M	W	M	"	Bradford N H "	Edward Cressy Eliza Jones	Abcess of lungs following Pneumonia	Farmer	F L Wallace Manchester N H

*One hour old.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief:

DAVID H. DAY, TOWN CLERK.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen: In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers, for publication in the annual reports, I hereby submit the following:—

Marriages registered in the town of Bradford, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1891.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Birthplace of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	What marriage 1st, 2nd, &c.	Name, Residence & official station of person by whom married.
Jan 29	Warner N H	Jesse C Muzzey	Bradford	36	W	Engineer	Newbury N H	Wm W Muzzey Eunice Gunnison	Newbury N H "	1st	
		Luella M Bartlett	WarnerNH	27	W	Housekeeper	Croydon N H	Martin C Blodget Augusta S Codman	Croyden N H Springfield	1st	Robert Bennett Warner NH (C
Apr 7	Bradford N H	Frank H Ward	Bradford "	24	W	Fish Dealer	Bradford N H	Joseph W Ward Kate Harigon	Bradford N H Ireland	1st	
		Jennie I Clogston	Warner "	22	W	Teacher	Milford N H	Henry Glogston Jennie Davis	Nashua N H Bradford N H	1st	J H Gannett Bradford N H (C
June 24	"	Harry S Harris	Penecook	24	W	Livery Stable	Penacook N H	Ezra S Harris Sarah A Green	Harrisville N H Palmyra N Y	1st	
		Ida M Dalby	Bardford	21	W		Boston Mass	Henry C Dalby Elen M Grath	Philadelphia Boston Mass	1st	" " "
Aug 5	"	Herbert C Wyman	Bradford	24	W	Laborer	Bradford	Charles B Wyman Jenett Cheney	Cambridge Mass Bradford N H	1st	" " "
		Jennie G Sargent	"	18	W	Housekeeper	"	Ira H Sargent Harriet N Davis	Warner N H Bradford	1st	
Oct 29	Warner N H	John A Eaton	"	23	W	Farmer	"	George W Eaton Alice M Currier	Newbury N H Sunapee N H	1st	Robert Bennett Warner NH (C
		Grace C Osgood	Warner	23	W		Warner	J Frank Osgood Harret L Davis	Warner N H Salem Mass	1st	
Oct 28	E Washigton N H	Horace E Hale	Bradford	49	W	"	Bradford N H	Moses Hale Almira Sargent	Bradford	2nd	A J Cuttin E Washington N H
		Betsey F Kendfield	"	44	W		"	David F Bagley Mahala C Cheney	" Warner N H	3d	Justice of the Peace
Nov 25	Newport	Fred G Hadley	"	23	W	Shipper	"	Ezekiel H Hadley Sophrona A Hoyt	Bradford N H Hillsborough N H	1st	C W Dockuct Newport NH (C
		Myra H Morse	Newport	24	W		Newport	Fred S Morse Rebecca Hall	Bradford	1st	
Dec 31	So Newbury NH	Elias E Downs	Bradford	20	W	Farmer	Maine	Joseph Downs Shuah Rounds	Maine Maine	1st	A W Brown Newport N H (C
		Bertha M Chambers	"	17	W	Housekeeper	Bradford N H	Louis Chambers Mary		1st	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief:

DAVID H. DAY, Town Clerk.

Report of the Board of Education.

Andrews School.

First term, taught by Susie M. Moon. This was Miss Moon's first attempt at teaching. She worked hard and tried to make the school a success. Second term taught by F. O. Melvin.

Center School.

Both terms were under the management of Sarah I Colby. Miss Colby is one of our best and oldest teachers, and needs no recommendations of ours.

Hoyt School.

Minnie B. Peaslee teacher both terms. Miss Peaslee gained the good-will of her scholars, which made her school a success from the start. All questions asked by the teacher were answered promptly, and showed they had been well drilled.

Massassecum School.

Spring term taught by Mrs. Mary C. Hall. Mrs. Hall is one of our best teachers, and we are sorry to lose her from our list of instructors.

Second term taught by Fannie E. Craig. Miss Craig labored hard for the success of her school. All recitations were good; especial mention can be made of the classes in history and physiology.

Plain School.

First and second terms taught by Mrs. Emma P. Trow. Mrs. Trow pleased the parents, and it showed that she had worked hard to make it a successful school.

Spring School.

But one term in this district, taught by Susie M. Moon. At the close of school it showed that good interest had been taken in all studies. No instance of tardiness or absence was noted, which speaks well for the teacher and scholars.

West School.

Miss Florette E. Eaton, teacher. This is a small school, and it is harder work for a teacher to succeed, than in a larger one. Miss Eaton endeavored to do her duty, and is destined to make a good teacher.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In conducting the schools for the present year a different course has been pursued than in former years; most of the work has been done by one member of the board—the selecting of new books, examination of teachers, and visiting of schools. If that member has failed or made mistakes, do not criticise too harshly, for they have not been made on purpose. Your former committee have called the attention of parents as to what are their duties toward our schools; I will ask these questions: Have you given them a thought? Have you been interested enough to visit the school in your district, even once during the year? Have you had a kind word for the teacher? Have you instructed that boy or girl to be a young gentleman or young lady toward their teacher and school-mates? Have you insisted on their studying out of school hours? Or have you let them pass from your mind without a thought? We ask you to think of these questions and act. The School Board want your assistance. It amounts to nothing to introduce new methods unless you will assist us. We do not believe you ought to move along in the old ruts that you have been in. We have not a school-house in town but what ought to be put in better condition. Much ill-feeling has been caused by the way in which the "Spring" and "West" schools have been conducted. We would like to have the people of the district think of this matter and see if the two districts could not be united and make it better for all.

We have tried to select good teachers; three of them have never had previous experience in teaching, but they were earnest in their work and we have no doubt but what they will make successful teachers. In speaking of all our teachers we think they will compare in scholarship and eagerness to succeed as instructors as those of former years. In closing our remarks we would again ask all to unite in making our schools a success for the coming year. We herewith present the general and statistical report of all the schol-

ars for the year ending March 1st, 1892. The whole number of scholars attending school in town was 139. The whole number of children reported by the selectmen in April 1891, was 73 (i. e. 39 boys and 34 girls) between the ages of 5 and 15 years.

HONOR ROLL.

CENTER. 1 term: Horace L. Barnes, Lewis Barnes, Arthur B. Gardner, George W. Presby, Alfred Stevens, Charles A. Wilson, Mary E. Wilson, Nettie H. Cressy, Mabel M. Gardner, Viola E. Hoyt, Gertie L. Ring, Mary L. Stevens, Emma Gardner, Abbie H. Hoyt. 2 terms: Katie A. Presby, George W. Presby.

MASSASSECUM. 1 term: Lucian Peltier, Sadie W. Davis, Mabel P. Cheney, Delia M. Daigle. 2 terms: Sadie W. Davis, Lucian Peltier, George W. Brown, Ira C. Davis Edmond Peltire.

PLAIN. 1 term: Fred G. Bean, Flora E. Bean. 2 terms: Fred G. Bean, Flora E. Bean.

SPRINGS. 1 term: Mary A. Chase, Lizzie E. Moon, Plummer D. Chase, Charles H. Chase, Winthrop Dunham.

WEST. 1st & 2d terms: Eva J. Hoyt.

F. OTIS MELVIN,
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J. ALBERT PEASLEE,
} SCHOOL BOARD OF BRADFORD.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Treasurer of the School Board presents the following report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$ 72.24	
Regular school money,	669.53	
Rec'ved of School Board of Newbury "Hoytschool"	46.52	
Total,		$788.29

EXPENDITURES.

Wages of teachers,	$640.80
Repairs on school-houses,	13.05
Supplies for school-houses,	45.28

Cleaning School-houses,	$7.50	
Town of Washington, tuition in 1891 & 1892,	8.25	
" Warner, " 1892,	31.20	
Balance unexpended,	42.21	
Total,		$788.29

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

J. ALBERT PEASLEE, TREAS. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ADDISON S. CRESSY, } TOWN
CHARLES F. DAVIS, } AUDITORS.

February 29, 1892.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DIST. NO. 1.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$88.16	
School money.	660.42	
Total,		$748.58

EXPENDITURES,

Wages of teachers,	$607.00	
Fuel,	11,70	
Incidental expenses,	45.28	
Balance unexpended,	84.60	
Total,		$748.58

F. O. MELVIN,
A. FRENCH SMITH, } SCHOOL BOARD OF
J. ALBERT PEASLEE, } BRADFORD.

REPORT OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

The first term commenced May 4, and closed July 3, 1891, and was taught by Loyal Barton, this being his seventh term of service in this department. As heretofore, the teacher put forth his best efforts, and excellent progress was made by the pupils. After the close of the term, Mr. Barton accepted a situation elsewhere, which rendered it necessary to procure a new teacher.

The second and third terms were taught by Miss Margaret M. Carter, of New London. The second term commenced August 31, and closed December 20, 1891; the third term commenced December 7, 1891, and closed March 4, 1892. Miss Carter had had previous experience in teaching, and her scholarly attainments and adaptation to the needs of pupils render her an efficient instructress. In our several visits, we have found the teacher industriously engaged, the scholars pretty generally attentive to their studies, and the recitations well conducted. The methods of instruction were such as met our approval. During recitations, great care was taken to illustrate the subject-matter of the text-book by use of the blackboard and other means, and render it as clear as possible to the minds of the pupils. Besides the regular recitations, the teacher has spent a portion of time each day in assisting her pupils individually—for instance, in helping one to understand a definition, or demonstrate a rule, and in some cases giving a suggestion in the solution of a problem. In a small school like this, such a course seems commendable.

We are glad to observe that the teacher has not neglected to impart moral instruction to her pupils, but has endeavored to instill into their minds correct principles as regards right and wrong. Perhaps no duty of a teacher is more important. On the whole, we think that the school-year just closed has been one of marked progress.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Free Text-Book law has been in force since January, 1890, and under its operation our schools have been well furnished with

books and other needed supplies, at the expense of the town.

It is true that it cost a very considerable sum to purchase our supplies at the outset, but for the year just ended, our expenses have not been large, in fact they have not probably exceeded $35. We think by using care and economy in our purchases, our schools can be furnished with books and supplies at a moderate expense.

M. H. H.

SUGGESTIONS.

I think our schools have fully maintained their former reputation, and I cannot see how we can possibly do better than to retain the services of our present teachers for the coming year, if their services can be obtained.

The icalculable benefits accruing to our children from contact with consciencious teachers, who look closely after their morals and manners can only be estimated in the coming years. The future of our state and nation depends largely upon influence. Let us see that we do all we can for them in this direction.

Georgianna A. C. Butman.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The primary department of this district has been under the instruction of Miss Ida C. Davis of this town, for the entire school-year. It has been very gratifying to note the onward progress of this school for the past six years, and it is with feelings of genuine thankfulness that we are able to say that there has been no diminishment of substancial progress during the year just closed. Miss Davis' work in the school-room has been constant, earnest, and practical; and we believe she has performed her duties with a consciencious regard for the dignity of her exalted calling. We have been pleased to notice how helpful she has been to the pupils when those little discouragements and disappointments confront the young mind, making them falter and hesitate—with an appropriate suggestion, leading the pupil to think, instead of doing the thinking for them, and making the recitation "tally one" in the pupil's favor instead of being a total failure. It rquires tact almost amounting to a "gift" to accurately discern just how and when to extend to the pupil the helping hand, so that they may receive the largest benefits from such helpfulness, without des-

troying their self-reliance. We believe Miss Davis possesses this faculty in an eminent degree. There has been a marked improvement in the discipline of the school in the winter term over the preceding terms of the school-year. The school-room has been kept more tidy and cleanly than formerly, and the system followed in regard to recitations and blackboard practice is hardly deserving of criticism. The conduct of the pupils outside the school-room has in the main been commendable, but the boys should bear in mind that quarrels and fist-fights do not add anything to the sum total of their enjoyment, nor is there always the most fun where there is the most noise. Teachers should keep a watchful eye over their pupils during recess, and if quarrels or other disorderly conduct is observed, we suggest that the offenders be immediately called in. We have been especially pleased with the attention given to the geography classes. The lessons have been seasoned with appropriate historical illustrations, such as the youngest pupil could grasp; and the lesson has been brought within the scope of their comprehension, robbing it of its dryness and dullness, without leaving out any of the solid facts which the lesson is designed to impart. The teacher who can make the study of geography interesting to the beginner must possess, at least, some of the qualifications of a good teacher. Writing, that oft-neglected branch, has received especial attention. We are hardly able to say anything upon this branch except in a congratulatory manner. The pupils have been taught how to sit at the desk, how to hold the pen, and how to take ink properly from the ink-wells. Haste and careless inattention have given place to deliberation and system—the pupils all taking ink and commencing to write simultaneously, saving many an ugly blot which so often disfigure the pages of writing books. A class in elementary grammar has been inaugurated for the primary school this year, with a view to giving the pupils, during the last year of their primary school work, an opportunity to master some of the rudiments of the science, so that they may be better able to enter upon its more extended study upon their entrance into the grammar department. So far the plan has worked well. Without detriment to their other studies the older pupils have acquired a rudimental knowledge of grammar, which cannot fail to be a stepping-stone to good progress hereafter. Reading and spelling have received their usual share of attention, and the progress has been considerable. More at-

tention has been given than formerly to the observance of the pauses and inflections required by the punctuation marks. The pupils have generally been asked to tell something of what they have been reading about, but we would not lay great stress upon the importance of this requirement, believing that the primary object aimed at in reading should be kept steadily in view — to learn the pupil how to read intelligibly, with a due regard to pronunciation, emphasis, inflection, &c., rather than to commit the reading lesson to memory. Singing by teacher and pupils has been practiced, partly for recreation and partly for a proper cultivation of the voice. The teacher's keen apqreciation of the benefits possible to be derived from this practice has contributed toward making the efforts in this direction pleasing and entertaining. Gymnic exercises have also been practiced to some extent, and when the exercise is made to conform to the laws of hygiene, no valid objection can be offered to its receiving its proper share of attenton. Irregularity of attendance has been and still is one of the greatest evils with which we have to contend. How to abate this evil is one of the problems of the day, and should be promptly met. Parents are mainly responsible for this state of things. We do not say it could all be avoided, but with careful attention and patient effort the evil can at least be abated. Pupils should be taught a lesson of economy. Along with the new law comes new conditions of school matters; the pupil is entrusted with the care and use of property not his own. The books he studies, the slates, pens, ink, and even the bits of paper on which he works his problems, are the property of the town, and he is likely to be prodigal in the use of them. He does not realize the importance of saving, nor can he understand what a sum these little items aggregate; hence parents and teachers should keep a strict watch over the pupils in this matter. By using a little coaxing and a little authority, the town would be saved many dollars. To the teachers the committee desire to tender their hearty thanks, and hereby express their high appreciation of the valuable services they have rendered the district the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

ASBURY P. HOWE,
MARTIN H. HUNTOON,
Mrs. G. A. C. BUTMAN,
} School Committee of Union Dist. No. 1

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Name of School-house.	No. of term.	TEACHER.	Weeks of School.	No. of pupils.	Average No. pupils belonging to school.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. of daily attendance.	Honor Roll.	No. School Board visits.	Other visits.	Wages with board per month.
Andrews	1	Susie M. Moon	8	4	4	4	100.	0	2	15	$16.00
	2	F. O Melvin	11	6	6	5	83.33	0	2	3	20.00
Center	1	Sarah I. Colby	8	27	26	25	96.15	14	2	14	24.00
	2	Sarah I. Colby	13	30	26	22	84.61	2	1	3	24.00
Hoyts	1	Minnie B. Peaslee	7.2	5	5	3	80.	0	1	6	16.00
	2	Minnie B. Peaslee	14	5	5	5	100.	0	2	15	18.00
Massassecum	1	Mary C. Hall	8	9	8	8	100.	4	2	7	22.00
	2	Fannie E. Craig	13	11	10	10	100	5	2	12	20.00
Plain	1	Emma I. Trow	7	9	7	7	100.	2	1	8	20.00
	2	Emma I. Trow	14	15	12	11	91.66	2	2	12	20.00
Springs	1	Susie M. Moon	10	5	5	5	100.	5	2	7	18.00
West	1	Florette E. Eaton	8	5	3	3	100.	1	2	5	16.00
	2	Florette E. Eaton	10	7	5	5	100.	1	2	9	18.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grammar	1	Loyal Barton	9	13	12	12			4		$40.00
	2	Margaret M. Carter	12	18	16	12	75.	2	5	39	44.00
	3	Margaret M. Carter	13	20	19	18	94.73	3	5	48	48.00
Primary	1	Ida C. Davis	9	20	19	17	89.47	3	3	58	24.00
	2	Ida C. Davis	12	20	18	16	88.88	2	5	43	28.00
	3	Ida C. Davis	13	25	23	21	91.30	2	2	26	28.00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOL.	Term.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Civil Government.	History	Rhetoric.	Physiology.	Geometry.	Book-keeping	Algebra.	Drawing.	Composition.
Andrews	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2	6	6	6	6	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Center	1	27	27	27	22	17	9				7			3	12	6
	2	30	30	30	28	24	11	—	—	—	6			3	12	6
Hoyts	1	5	5	5	4	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2	5	5	8	5	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Massassecum	1	8	8	8	5	4	2	—	1	—	—		—	1	—	—
	2	10	10	11	11	11	2	—	2	—	2		—	1	—	—
Plain	1	9	9	8	7	6	4	—	—	—	2		—	—	—	3
	2	15	15	12	12	7	5	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	4
Springs	1	5	5	5	5	2	4	—	2	—	5		2	1	—	3
West	1	5	5	5	5	3	4	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
	2	7	7	7	7	2	1	—	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grammar Dept.	1															
	2	18	18	18	17	15	18	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	18
	3	20	20	20	19	11	20	4	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	20
Primary Dept.	1	20	20	15	15	16	6									
	2	20	20	16	15	18	6									
	3	25	25	19	21	21	6									

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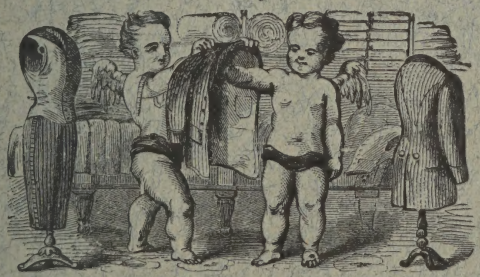

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